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RESURFACING BEGINS THIS WEEKEND ON I-75/ I-85 SOUTHBOUND BETWEEN THE MERGE AND 10TH STREET

ATLANTA – The Georgia Department of Transportation is warning motorists traveling through Atlanta to expect weekend delays on the Downtown Connector. Crews will begin this weekend resurfacing the southbound side of the interstate between the I-75/ I-85 merge and 10th Street.

Work will start 9 p.m. Friday, August 7 continuing through 5 a.m. Monday, August 10.

- The three inside southbound lanes of I-85, including the HOV lane, will be closed starting at the Peachtree Street overpass through 10th Street.
- The I-75 southbound HOV lane will be closed just after the Northside Drive overpass through 10th Street.

The Department expects southbound resurfacing to be completed by the end of September. There will be no closures during Labor Day weekend. Crews will resume resurfacing the northbound section after the holiday, with all resurfacing to be completed in November, weather permitting. Georgia DOT will provide information to the public on a weekly basis regarding necessary lane closures for the resurfacing.

The Downtown Connector resurfacing is part of an ongoing \$88.5 million project to replace the 14th Street Bridge over the Downtown Connector to relieve congestion at the 14th Street interchange. The improved bridge features two new exit ramps from the interstate: southbound to 10th Street, which opened in June, and northbound to 17th Street, expected to open in early 2010. The estimated cost of the project is \$88.5 million.

Georgia DOT urges travelers to call 511 for updated information about this or any other construction project on interstates and state routes. Georgia 511 is a free phone service that provides real-time traffic and travel information statewide, such as traffic conditions, incidents, lane closures, and delays due to inclement weather. Callers also can transfer to operators to request assistance or report incidents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. More information is available at www.511ga.org.

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